

**SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

**AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<u>TOTALS</u>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	9	462	99	24	0	<b>594</b>
NAVY	265	90	19	0	8	<b>382</b>
MARINE CORPS	22	194	16	8	0	<b>240</b>
AIR FORCE	199	164	240	18	0	<b>621</b>
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
CIVILIANS	1	20	9	5	0	<b>35</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1872 *</b>
<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>						
FURTHER PURSUIT	171	467	322	46	4	<b>1010</b>
DEFERRED	68	109	23	2	1	<b>203</b>
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	257	354	38	7	3	<b>659</b>
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VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

LA = LAOS

\* INCLUDES 468 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

**ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL:** The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 711 Americans from Southeast Asia.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973 REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	495	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	186	
CAMBODIA	28	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>***</b>

**NOTES:**

\* 34 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973.

\*\* 2 ashes returned from China.

\*\*\* 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 22325 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

**This change reflects the accounting of two Navy officers previously MIA from North Vietnam.**

## SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1946
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5052
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5558
DOGTAGS	9769
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22325</b>

- a. Of the 1946 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1903 (97.79%) reports are resolved.
  - 1326 (68.14%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
  - 45 (2.31%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
  - 532 (27.34%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 43 (2.21%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
  - 37 (1.90%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
  - 6 (0.31%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. Since mid-1982, 9769 “dog tag” reports on 8275 individuals reveal the following trends:
  - 7719 (93.28%) of those names reported are individuals who returned to the U.S. alive
  - 386 (4.66%) of the reports correspond to U.S. remains that have been recovered/identified and buried in the U.S.
  - 170 (2.05%) relate to individuals who remain unaccounted for.
- d. In all instances, dog tag reports receive thorough investigative attention, to include informing the military services of those reports with valid names so next of kin can be advised as appropriate.

**The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:**

### TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-1976	1976-1980	1981-1985	1986-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001-2005	<b>Total</b>
24	2	0	1	3	0	13	<b>43</b>